

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of the application is respectfully requested. Claims 1-8, 10-15, 17-22, 24, 25, 27-30, 32, 33, 35-39 and 41-80, prior to this paper, were pending in the present application. By this paper, claims 67-80 are canceled, without prejudice.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 67, 69-74 and 76-80, prior to this paper, were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Han et al. (U.S. Patent 5,405,801) in view of Kato (JP2002222871A1).

Claims 67, 69-74 and 76-80 have been canceled. Therefore, the rejection of claims 67, 69-74 and 76-80, under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Han et al. (U.S. Patent 5,405,801) in view of JP2002222871A1, is now moot.

Claim Objections

Claims 68 and 75, prior to this paper, were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

Claims 68 and 75 have been canceled. Therefore, the objection of claims 68 and 75 is now moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

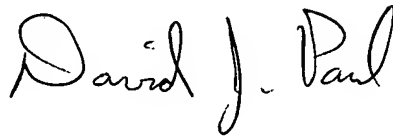
The Examiner indicated that claims 1-8, 10-15, 17-23, 24, 25, 27-30, 32, 33, 35-39, 41-66 are allowed.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance. Such allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner feels that a conference will expedite the prosecution of this case, the Examiner is cordially invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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